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Place Nine Cases On Calendar For Trial Next Week

Criminal Docket Being Prepared for Week Term Superior Court

Nine divorce cases have been placed on the calendar for trial during the one-week term of superior court opening in this county next Monday. In addition to the divorce cases two civil actions are tentatively scheduled for trial.

The civil calendar is set for trial on Thursday, June 22. The criminal docket is being prepared and, in all probability, will be featured by the trial of Edward L. Early, Jr., Negro doctor, who is charged with killing his secretary-nurse, Odessa Keyes, on May 28.

The civil calendar lists the following cases:

Relatives of the late Dr. Jesse E. Ward are asking that his will be set aside, pointing out that the document, written in long hand and signed without a witness was not found among his valuable papers. It was rumored that an agreement had been reached, but the propounder, Mrs. Clell Moore Ward, was said to have denied any such agreement had been reached.

In the case of Virgil W. Stevenson against Geo. M. Stevenson, the plaintiff is appealing to the court to have certain land partitioned.

James E. Midgett is suing Rebecca Midgett for divorce, the plaintiff saying they were married November 9, 1936, and were separated in December, 1940, that no children were born to the union and that the defendant is now a resident of New York.

In the case of Oscar Morrow against Naomi Morrow, the plaintiff says they were married in 1938 and separated in January, 1941.

Mary Graham, in her case against Robert E. Graham, says they were married August 20, 1945 and separated March 6, 1947, that the one child born of the union is in her custody and receives no support from the defendant.

Fannie McDaniel is suing Frank McDaniel for divorce, stating in her complaint that they were married on October 16, 1943.

In the divorce action brought by Ruby Bullock Ross against Willie Edward Ross, the plaintiff says they were married on July 3, 1937, that the defendant abandoned her on July 15, 1947, and that time the defendant had committed adultery with various women unknown to the plaintiff. The one child the complaint says, is in the custody of and supported by the plaintiff.

Hattie Rodgers Davenport in the divorce case against Thurston W. C. Davenport says they were married on February 13, 1924.

State Land Values Continue To Climb

The North Carolina index of farm real estate values as of March 1, 1950 was 344 percent of the 1912-14 base period. This compares with 341 percent on March 1, 1948.

The North Carolina index of 344 percent was the highest in the Nation and compares with an index of 138 percent in 1940. Kentucky was second high with 274 percent followed by Tennessee with 265 percent of the base period.

The increase in the State index of real estate values was only 1 percent over the index of March 1949, however, only five other states in the nation showed an increase over the preceding year. For the United States, a slight rise in the average value of farm real estate during the 4 months ended March, 1950 off-set part of the decline in the National average during 1949.

At 169 percent of 1912-14 base, the United States index for March was 1 percent above last November but 3 percent below March, a year ago and 5 percent below the November 1948 peak. The decline in values during the year ended March 1950 was less than 5 percent in over half the states.

Officials Of The Williamston Boosters



Pictured above are the directors of the Williamston Boosters at a recent meeting of the organization. They are, left to right: Al Sweat, Burras Critcher, Jr., Jas. E. Griffin,

R. Edwin Peele, C. B. Clark, Jr., Thompson Greenwood, F. J. Margolis, Wheeler M. Manning and Leman Barnhill. Mr. Greenwood is executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Annexation Plan Rejected In Election Last Saturday

A proposal to extend Williams-ton's town limits was rejected by an overwhelming vote by citizens of North and West Ends in a special election held last Saturday. The vote in North End was 85 against and 22 for, and in West End the vote was 117 against and 25 for extension. The voting, falling short by almost 100 of the possible maximum, was without very little comment. One voter visiting the polling place in West End early that morning declared he was against the proposal, and did not care who knew it.

No comment could be had from town officials immediately; but it is likely that a meeting of the town board will be held early next week when plans for sewer line extensions within the town will be discussed.

Had the extension been favored, the town planned a master sewer line from Roanoke River up Whitley's Canal to the underpass, to take care of the two areas and eliminate a septic tank just off West Main Street. Just what plan will be advanced now rests with the town engineers and officials. It is agreed that the present system is inadequate, that the need for extensions is imperative. Without installations in the two sections just outside of town, costs should be considerably lower, and with restrictions on water consumption it is certain that a saving can be effected on the cost of a water tank with the possibility that the town could get by with its present tank.

The "On To Charlotte" program of the Williamston High School Green Wave Band, consisting of marching, drills and maneuvers, followed by an out-door concert, is to be presented tonight at the Williamston ball park. The band went through final practice sessions this morning and all was set for the show to start at 8:00 p. m. tonight. While a large crowd is expected, it is anticipated that tickets will be available at the gate and there is ample room for any who may want to see the show.

Daily Reports on Potato Market

Washington.—A seasonal office of the Federal-State Market News Service was opened here today to issue daily reports on the coastal North Carolina potato market. Doy J. Cloud, in charge of the office, will issue regular reports throughout the marketing season, covering supplies, prices, market trends, and other information of interest to potato growers, dealers, and others. The service is conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture. Persons wishing to receive the daily mail reports on the North Carolina potato market should write Mr. Cloud at the Federal-State Market News Service, Washington, North Carolina.

Minor Accidents On County Roads In Past Few Days

Youngster Loses Teeth In Accident Saturday Near Williamston

A small boy lost several of his teeth and suffered a bad lip cut and property damage amounted to a little more than \$200 in a series of minor highway accidents in this county last week-end. Bobby Hardison, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willford Hardison, lost four of his front teeth when he stepped from behind a bus into the side of another vehicle at Holly Springs on U. S. Highway 64 early last Saturday afternoon. He was treated in Dr. Bill Gray's office and was reported yesterday to be getting along all right.

Last Saturday night about 11:45 o'clock there was a big party in progress at a private home on the River Road between Hamilton and Palmyra. Robert Jenkins stopped his 1938 Chevrolet in the highway and waited for two cars to come out of the driveway. Ronald E. Tyson, driving a 1940 Ford, struck the rear of the Chevrolet, hurling no one and causing about \$50 damage to his car and about \$25 damage to the Chevrolet, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock, Gerald Forrest Regland, driving a 1942 Oldsmobile belonging to A. R. Glover of 501 Monticello Road, Charlottesville, crashed into

Boosters Elected Officers Recently For the New Year

Claude B. Clark, Jr. To Head Organization For Another Term

In a recent meeting, the board of directors of the Williamston Boosters re-elected the organization's officer for another term and discussed program plans for the new year.

Claude B. Clark, Jr., was re-elected president. The office of vice president which automatically would have been held by the retiring president in accordance with the organization's by-laws should another be elected temporarily, Leman Barnhill who has served the organization ably as treasurer during the past year, was re-elected. Al Sweat who has worked diligently since he joined the organizations, was retained as managing director.

At the recent meeting, preliminary plans were discussed for holding the town's third annual harvest festival next fall. Plans for the event will be made public shortly, Manager Sweat explaining that present indications point to a big program. Plans were also discussed for the promotion of the Williamston Tobacco Market for the coming season. The plans will be announced as soon as the opening dates for the markets are fixed by the Board of Government.

The Williamston Boosters Board for the current year is composed of the following men: Leman Barnhill, Claude B. Clark, Jr., Burras Critcher, Jr., Al Sweat, and R. Edwin Peele. (Continued on page six)

One-Fourth Of Crop Land In County Been Measured

Approximately one-fourth of the crop land in this county had been measured as of last Friday, according to a report coming from the office of the P. M. A., Monday. The check, handled in connection with the support price program, is tentatively scheduled to be completed by Saturday of next week, the office explaining that no funds have been provided for the work after that time.

Of the 1,644 farms covered by contracts, 399 had been measured up until last Friday, as follows: Bear Grass, 18 out of 151; Cross Roads, 15 out of 121; Goose Nest 1, 17 out of 109; Griffins, 39 out of 175; Hamilton, 72 out of 133; Jamesville 1, 4 out of 125; Jamesville 2, 16 out of 125; Poplar Point, 15 out of 44; Robersonville 1, 5 out of 101; Robersonville 2, 42 out of 172; Williams, 29 out of 123; Williamston, 54 out of 156.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested and held temporarily in the county jail last week-end. Two were charged with assault, two with drunkenness, two with drunken driving and one with breaking and entering. The ages of the group ranged from 19 to 42.

A white man and his wife were charged with drunken driving. The man was driving, but surrendered the wheel to his wife when highway officers came along. It was ruled that both were under the influence of intoxicants.

Funeral Monday For Mrs. M. D. Hix

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning in Duke Memorial Church, Durham, for Mrs. Imogene Murdoch Hix, who died in a Durham hospital last Saturday. Interment was in Old Maplewood Cemetery there.

Mrs. Hix, mother of Professor D. N. Hix formerly of Williams-ton, was born in Randolph County 78 years ago. She made her home in Durham for many years, and visited Williamston often when her son lived here, making many local friendships.

She was the widow of the Rev. M. D. Hix. Surviving besides her son, D. N. Hix, who is now living in Oxford, are a son, Edwin J. Hix of Durham; two daughters, Miss Mary Hix of Roanoke Rapids, and Miss Imogene Hix of Durham.

Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus, Mrs. John H. Gurganus, and Mr. Edgar Gurganus and Mrs. Phillip Waters of Windsor attended the funeral service.

Regulations For Tobacco Auction System Proposed

Warehouse Association To Ban Speculation And False Reports

Meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, last week, the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, including warehousemen from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, adopted a code of regulations to govern marketing of the 1950 tobacco crop.

The new code would ban speculation in the auction system and outlaw false price reports. A resolution was also adopted by the group against rump sales—sales at which a full set of buyers is not present.

The action taken by the association would forbid speculation in tobacco by warehousemen from financing speculation by other persons. The regulation, however, would not forbid warehousemen from purchasing tobacco but would require that such purchases be for the sole purpose of protecting the price for the benefit of the grower.

Other regulations would, forbid warehouse operators from publishing false claims regarding prices of tobacco sold in their warehouses.

Reduce crowding on warehouse floors by requiring that there be not less than 18 inches between rows of tobacco and 24 inches between ends of rows and the warehouse walls. Warehousemen were asked to make "every reasonable effort" to provide at least eight inches between baskets in the rows.

Forbid buyers from changing their minds and rejecting tobacco on which they have placed the high bid except in cases where the tobacco is damaged or has been packed so as to hide poor tobacco with good leaf.

The warehousemen decided that the markets will operate five days a week, five and one half hours a day at a maximum rate of 400 baskets per hour with a maximum weight of 300 pounds per basket. These are the same as were in effect last year.

Dates for opening the tobacco markets will be determined by the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association to be held in Raleigh on Friday June 30.

Disease Striking County Tobacco

Scattered reports from over the county declare that disease is playing havoc with tobacco in some areas. Several farmers, convinced that black shank was about to wipe them out less than a month ago, plowed up the diseased plants and transplanted plants resistant to the disease. This week the disease seems to be spreading fairly rapidly in some sections.

Farmer Jasper Perkins of Gold Point said this week that some kind of wilt was threatening about four acres of his tobacco, that other acreage planted to disease resistant type was doing all right. Mr. Perkins was wondering if he could get more plants and gamble with a new crop. Apparently he anticipated extensive damage in the approximately 4-acre plot.

Farmer Johnny Holliday of near Williamston displayed diseased plants Monday. It is believed the sore shin is attacking his crop.

Quite a few Martin farmers planted the disease resistant types this year, but it is now fairly certain that a majority will abandon the regular types and turn to the disease-resistant kind next year.

Boat Accepted After Several Thorough Tests

After working on it two months, Master Boatbuilder Dillon Wynne last Saturday afternoon launched his plywood fishing boat in the Cashie.

Bob Leggett, John Whitley and George Wynne, dubious about the safety of the boat, watched from the bank until the owner had put in through several tests. The tests completed, the quartet got down to heavy fishing.

New Implement Firm Opening Here Soon

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Following an interruption of almost five hours last Sunday morning while new equipment was being installed, the Virginia Electric and Power Company is now offering an improved service to its customers between Columbia and Tarboro.

New and larger transformers were installed along with line regulators, the management explaining that new switches are now being installed in Tarboro.

To Erect Building Corner of Warren-Jamesville Streets

F. L. Fussell Been Named Manager of Williamston Implement Company

Just recently incorporated, the Williamston Tractor and Implement Company is to start construction on a building, corner Warren and Jamesville Streets just across from the G. and H. Builders Supply Company, within the next few days, it was announced yesterday by Mr. F. L. Fussell, general manager.

Incorporated by Mr. Fussell, Elmo Lilley and John T. Gurkin, the new firm will handle the Ferguson System tractors and farm implements along with the Frick Peanut Picker and other farm equipment and supplies.

The building, to be constructed with brick and cement, will be forty by ninety feet and is to be ready for occupancy in early August, Mr. Fussell said.

During the meantime, the firm is leasing the Dixie Motor Company and will display a skeleton line of tractors and equipment beginning the latter part of this month, it was explained.

The Ferguson System products are included in the lower-price field in most instances, and are distributed at Charlotte from the manufacturing plant in Michigan.

Mr. Lilley, well-known county farmer and tobaccoist, will serve the new firm as president. The general manager, Mr. Fussell is well known here, having been associated with the Lindsley Ice Company for several years.

The company will employ several persons, Mr. Fussell said.

Irish Potatoes For Livestock

Irish potatoes are now being purchased under the price support program in eastern North Carolina and are available for livestock feed.

Interested parties are directed to the County P. M. A. Office to file their order and to obtain any information needed.

Potatoes are available at the following delivery points. For shipment by rail or truck—Belhaven, Bath, Pantege, Aurora, Beaufort, New Bern, Alliance, Bayboro, Columbia, Elizabeth City, Belcross, Camden and Shawboro; For shipment by truck only—Englehard, Oriental, and Weeksville.

Prices of potatoes, per hundred pounds, for livestock feeding, in bulk not loaded at government point of purchase, one cent; in bulk loaded at government point of purchase, six cents; in sacks not loaded at government point of purchase, new sacks, 23 cents and, used sacks, 13 cents; in sacks loaded at government point of purchase, new sacks 26 cents and used sacks 16 cents.

The livestock feeder may pick up potatoes at vendor's shed by truck or the potatoes may be shipped to the livestock feeder, as he elects.

As the purchaser is required to pay freight charges, it is suggested that he contact his local freight agent and secure freight rates from the point of purchase to destination. If the purchaser requests rail shipment, then shipment will be made freight collect to the designated consignee, care of local County PMA Committee.

Three Young Men Finishing College

Three Martin County young men, Howell Rhodes Peele of Williamston, William Everett Clark of Everetts, and Leland Bennett Hardison of Williamston, were graduated from State College, Raleigh, at commencement exercises held at the institution Sunday afternoon.

Peele was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering-General.

As a student at N. C. State, he was a member of Theta Tau; American Institute of Electrical Engineers; Freshman Counselor.

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